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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller

SUBJECT : Finance Officers in the Field.

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 9 Jul 54 to DD/A fr AG, sub: "Independence of Finance Officers in the Field."

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1. The referenced memorandum, which I am forwarding herewith, was prompted, as I understand it, by a recent conversation between the Auditor-in-Chief and the Inspector General in connection with the [redacted] Station. In essence, it suggests that the finance officer in the field is handicapped by reason of the fact that the administrative officer prepares his Fitness Report.

2. Inasmuch as the Chief of Station would be the Reviewing Officer I question the necessity of having the finance officer report directly to and having his Fitness Report accomplished by the Chief of Station or Senior Representative. This seems comparable to saying that it is inappropriate for the Deputy Director (Administration) to initiate a Fitness Report on the Comptroller and that it should be made out by the Director personally on the basis of his personal knowledge of the Comptroller's efficiency.

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3. I wonder if there is a real problem generally in the field in this connection or whether the [redacted] Station is an exception to the rule. Your comments and recommendations are requested.

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